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Dear FRS-Holland Friend!

Welcome in this autumn edition. Things are not as they used to be. When I put these words on paper, I have a totally different feeling compared with previous editions. No reason to be happy, even when we are about to celebrate our 20th birthday in October. The unexpected death of my all time radio pal and friend Joop ter Zee has left deep marks. And still I can't believe he's no more among us. Never again his freaky and entertaining shows on FRS-Holland. Never again an evening of talk sessions about radio, music but also serious subjects. Never again drinking a glass of beer with him in a local pub. Words fail me... it's so surreal. FRS-Holland without Joop ter Zee, it's just unthinkable. But yet it is so true. FRS-Holland is amputated and will never be the same...

Peter Verbruggen, Thursday September 21st 01.10 hours.

- In Memory of Joop ter Zee -

Tuesday June 27th at 05.08 CEST Joop ter Zee passed away in hospital. He was 40. He leaves behind his girlfriend Willy, his parents and his sister Marja. Joop died in hospital, he suffered from Hepatitis C and a number of serious complications. Early June he returned from a two week holiday to Crete, his favourite holiday destination. I remember his Email telling me he was back in town. And he came up with some ideas about the upcoming FRS 20th birthday. I phoned him telling I needed a few extra FRS Jingle CDs. As Joop had the master tape, he burned them but wasn't able to bring them. He became ill and thought he would soon recover. But he wouldn't. Hepatitis C and a very aggressive bacterium



*I'm a man with a one track mind,
So much to do in one life time (people do you hear me)
Not a man for compromise and where's my why's and living lies
So I'm living it all, yes I'm living it all,
And I'm giving it all, and I'm giving it all,
It ain't much I'm asking, if you want the truth,
I want it all, I want it all, I want it all, and I want it now,
I want it all, I want it all, I want it all, and I want it now*

undermined his health. He was hospitalized. Sunday June 25th he was moved to the intensive Care. He was kept in a coma and I haven't been able to speak to him eye to eye. On Monday it was clear Joop wouldn't recover. A shock. I was in the hospital all Monday together with his family. I shall never forget that day. Emotional, powerlessness. You see him lying, he was on a handful of monitors. You cannot help, you cannot communicate. Late that evening I went home. I went to sleep and at 05.20 I was called by Willy. I understood and went to hospital to see him for the very final time. It was 05.45. He died within two weeks after he became ill. Incomprehensible. Joop was cremated on Sunday July 1st, it was so good to see so many people for a definitive and final farewell from Joop. It was a 20 minute service, not long, but so intense. Four of Joop's favourite records were played: Pearl Jam, The Who, The Verve and ABC. After the service a lot of Joop's (radio) friends got together, reminiscing. I had the privilege working with Joop for more than 20 years. I met him in 1978 and eventually we became not only radio friends but also friends. We had mutual hobbies: music and radio. But there was more connecting us. In 1993 Joop lost his girlfriend Janine, they lived together for 10 years. A terrible loss for him. After her death our bond became even stronger. I was so happy for him when he met Willy. A new start for him. A new step in his life. We started presenting a flashback show at the local hospital radio station. In 1979 we worked together with a few former FRS presenters for our very own local FM pirate, ABC Music Radio. And in 1980 we started FRS-Holland, together with Bobby Speed and others. A fantastic period. Joop produced our

very first freaky jingle package with his Akai tape recorder. I remember sitting in his little studio situated in his sleeping room. Eventually Joop developed into a creative, skilful jingle producer. He had brilliant ideas and greatly contributed to the characteristic sound of FRS-Holland. He produced numerous jingles. And more and more it appeared we spoke the same language. I was the one writing the lyrics, Joop was the one doing the mixing part. He produced the jingles with the perfect choice of music beds and production elements. We made a good couple. And we complemented each other very well. Apart from a few months in 1982, Joop presented the program for FRS-Holland for almost 20 years. Two decades. Remember his FRS Golden Show, the late Litterniet's Litter Show from which he was co-presenter, Sounds Alternatives and the Short SW Parade. Sounds Alternatives is perhaps the most famous and best known show he produced. That was during most of the 80s. I remember Joop worked at a local pub every Saturday evening. Every week he bought 45 rpm records. He had an eye for those unknown or less known artists' records. And Sounds Alternatives was the programme in which all that great stuff was played. U2, Simple Minds (in the beginning of their careers), New Musik, Aya Toubie, Colourfield, the Photos, the Beggles, Firefall, the Associates... just to name a few. Joop also participated in FRS goes DXX writing the Alternative Thoughts column in his very own, unique style. He was the one creating the FRS website and managing our address book.

In my eyes he was a very talented, creative radio personality. Both his jingle tunes and radio shows were without any doubt "just a bit different" propagating the FRS philosophy. Fast-moving, with a great musical choice and loads of those funny, sometimes crazy jingles he entertained thousands of European SW enthusiasts over those almost 20 years. Many DXers loved his direct style of programmes. He built up a good reputation. I guess the words spoken by former FRS jock Mark Stafford are very right and goes for many FRS listeners: "I never met Joop Ter Zee but obviously felt like I knew him having listened over the years and having been part of the FRS team. I will always remember him doing crazy things and saying just what he thought. I mean that in a very nice way! It's strange when radio person dies. Even if you didn't ever meet him, you know him like a friend." Together we produced the 4th hour "10 Years in the Life of FRS-Holland" documentary in 1990. For us a milestone. Almost 200 hours of spare time were put into that project. And not so long ago - October 1999 - we completed the production of the first FRS-Holland Jingle CD. For Joop and me a document because it represents the evolution of FRS-Holland jingles through the years, right from the very beginning in 1980 till the Millennium set late 1999. Every time I planned a FRS broadcast, I discussed the ideas with Joop. FRS was carried by both of us together with co-engineer Bobby Speed, also a man from the first moments.

Without knowing Joop presented his very final FRS show in May before he left for Crete. He recorded a 60 min. programme which was aired in the early morning of Sunday May 28th as a test in North America. Joop, the German-ter Zee, he is sadly missed as a friend and radio friend. I know I said it before but have to say it one more time... without him FRS-Holland is amputated.

I wish Willy, his parents and sister so much courage and strength. What is left are all those good memories. In my mind but also in our huge tape archive. I will cherish them. Joop, friend, thank you for all those great years.

Peter Verbruggen, Friday September 22nd 2000

FRS-Holland will be airing a combined Joop ter Zee Memorial/ 20th Birthday broadcast taking place most likely on the 29th of October. The complete show will be most likely repeated (early) November. We would like to invite all FRS-Holland friends to participate. If you have your FRS heart in the right place, you send us your contribution. Tape it (a 1 or 2 minute message will do) or just put some words on a sheet of paper. The contents: just let us know what comes to your mind when thinking of Joop ter Zee and/or 20 Years of FRS-Holland on SW. Memories, thoughts, just express it in your very own unique way. All contributions will be played within the programming. Remember your input is our output. Allowing us to prepare the broadcast without too much time pressure, we kindly ask to send your contribution before October 18th! Your participation will greatly add to an unforgettable trip

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all those many persons who sent their condolences by Email or via P.O.Box 2727 in Herten. It was overwhelming. Thank you so much.



FRS-Holland News

[E] Important: the FRS Email address <frsh@planet.nl> is no longer available. For the time being please mail to <pete.verburg@pp.nl>. A new FRS Email address will be soon announced as well as the new address of our website (will be moved to a new provider). We will do the best we can to keep you up-to-date. If you are in our address book, be sure you will soon be informed. And if not, send us an Email and we will add your address.

[S] Sunday June 18th FRS-Holland put out a brief 60 minute show on 6210 kHz. Reception was varying a lot because of unstable propagation conditions.

RADIO BERMUDADRECK is now using its very own tx and was heard cooperating with CWR on 6260 Sun June 25th. 11470 was used in parallel but due to very long skip reception was not possible in wide areas of Western Europe. CWR can be reached via the Radio address.

RADIO BLACK ARROW from Beilen tested on 6273 Sun August 13th and was also heard on a few other occasions. Signal was fair. Address is P.O.Box 128 in 9410 AC Beilen, the Netherlands.

RADIO BLUESTAR was heard on the odd 6907 kHz Sun June 25th. On several dates in June, July and August the station was heard on mainly 48 metres. Output power varies. Address is P.O.Box 1104 in 8001 BC Zwolle.

RADIO BRIGITE has exchanged its good old Rouven address for a brandnew one: P.O.Box 15, B-2320 Hoogstraten, Belgium. Sun July 2nd saw the station on 6269 kHz. Sat July 22nd 6270 was in use.

The debate of new German **RADIO BROKEN DREAM** took place Sat August 27th. The broadcast was aired via the facilities of Radio 208. Address is: SRS Deutschland, P.O.Box 1136, D-06201 Merseburg.

RADIO CONTINENTAL uses the following Email address: <continental66@hotmail.com>. Add is: P.O.Box 1104, 8001 BC Zwolle,



SW FREE RADIO SCENE

General

No exciting news... We are approaching Autumn and that means better propagation conditions, perhaps that's the best and most important news we can give you. In this edition #27 we cover the period between the end of June and Sun September 17th 2000.

RADIO ALINT (3) was heard numerous times on 48 & 19 metres. 15070 was used a couple of times this Summer on early m/sunday mornings. Weekly 48 mb trms with a power of 400W are to be heard around 6285 kHz. Signal and modulation are superb. Check out the RAL website which is worth a visit! <www.radioalint.nl> or <http://www.alint.nl> Email: <alint@radioalint.nl> Under the same Dutch Relay Service RAL is offering airtime on 15 MHz/19 metres, price: US\$ 15.00 per hour.

More info on <www.geocities.com/dutch_relay_service>.

RADIO ASTORIA can be contacted via (3).

BBMS was logged on 5855 kHz Sun Sept. 10th. BBMS is usually relayed via the Ozonix tx which is situated in Ireland. Address: see Ozonix!

RADIO BENELUX (2) was heard with a repeat of its 2-hour anniversary show on Saturday night June 4th/5th on 3907 kHz. Results were superb compared with the broadcast 7 days earlier on 7480. Sun June 25th BNL was noted on 11470 kHz within the 25 mb. That same morning Radio Bermudadreck was also heard on 11470, presumably making use of the same tx. This could be via CWR's tx. August 6th BNL was on 7480 kHz with a fairly good signal.

Netherlands: The station claims to be active around 6917 kHz. **RADIO CRYSTAL** is not making use of the P.O.Box 663, Hoogeveen address anymore. Instead (9) is now being used. Email: <crystalradio@hotmail.com> or Fax #: +31 208712387. Sat July 22nd is the early evening Crystal Radio was on 6554 kHz with a test. The same freq was used on Sun July 30th. Another low power test took place on 6555 Sat August 12th.

RADIO DER SCHOTTE is a new (7) German station which was heard in poor quality on 6205 Sun Sept. 17th. The following mailing address was announced: P.O.Box 100621, D-45806 Gelsenkirchen in Germany.

RADIO EAST COAST HOLLAND (3) was heard in excellent quality on 6205 Sun August 27th. Not many stations can equal the modulation quality of RECH! Email is <eastcoastholland@hotmail.com>. Website: <www.lutera.tv/eastcoastholland>. See also VOTN.

During mid July German stations **RADIO DIAMOND** was on the air with some tests in the area of 7375 kHz in the 41m-band. Radio Diamond has been off air for some years now (apart from a few incidental tests). No address known.

RADIO EAST SIDE (9) continues with regular trms via relays and own equipment. The station now also has its own Email address: <eastside@online.de>.

Frank Markert from the German publication **FREE RADIO INFO** has announced all activities will be suspended, at least for the time being. That means no publishing of FRJ. Internet: <www.free-radio-info.de>. Good luck Frank!

Sat June 17th US station **RADIO FREE EUPHORIA** made its debut via IRRS/Radio 510 with a special broadcast on 7120 kHz to Europe. It seemed the presenter was a bit stoned... Repeats were noted the following weekend on 3985 and 7120 kHz. Address: P.O. Box 1, Belfast, NY 14711, USA.

Last edition we reported about a possible return of the **FARMERS FROM HOLLAND**. Well, that didn't happen in April but they were back on low



power on 6221 kHz Sun August 13th. The station was heard around 16.40 and the usual Dutch "omroepers" music was heard. That same day the station also tested on 6292. August 20th saw a Farmers QSO on 6272. Power seems to be 50W. Address still is P.O.Box 106, 7720 AC Dalfsen in the Netherlands. Website: <www.farmersradio.nl>. By the way: in the month time the Farmers received some mail, and from listeners, but this time from the Dutch authorities. Info letter they are charged to pay f 2500,-. And that has something to do with a raid last year. Latest news: Sun Sept. 10th the Farmers were mentioned on 5816 with high power: 500W! The station was for several hours on air till later in the evening. Not a surprise to mention the signal was booming in... A week later the Farmers were once again on 5816, this time they announced to use 700W. Is this the return of weekly 51 metre time on SW?

RADIO FLASHBACK was heard on 6284 kHz Sun July 23rd plus on several occasions in August, also on weekdays. Address is same as Radio Sparks UK: 9 The Hollies, 111 2EA London, UK. Not to wonder: Sparks and Flashback are two stations operated by one person.

Following a period of inactivity **RADIO FREE LONDON** has been heard several times on 5805 in the past two months. June 5th the station returned on SW after months of inactivity. As reported in edition 25/26, there have been some problems within the RFL presenting team resulting in Terry Philips leaving the station. He started a new station, Radio Nova Int. RFL is active on SW 5805 with a power of 30W. No doubt their signal is significantly weaker than before, the reason must be the reduced output power. August 20th RFL broadcasted an Aerial special.

Early September RFL set up a new short wave net. RFL planned a marathon from Sunday September 10th until Sunday Sept. 17th for a full week of broadcasting 24 hours non stop with 20 hours of programmes on 5805 kHz. The line-up consisted of 10 presenters with two hours each, making up 20 hours of broadcasting time non stop. Following this non-stop 7 day on air activities, RFL plans to run a weekly Sunday schedule on 5805 kHz. Send mail RFL, 101B, Kings Cross Road, London, WC1X 9LP or 4. Email: <RFL@FreeLond.com> or <RadioFreeLondon@usa.net>. Check out the following RFL web site: <<http://193.63.162.100/swnet/RFL.htm>>

<www.radiofree-london.com/uk/> <www.southcoastradio.com/northernvalley/2475> <members.aol.com/rfl1936162100> > Read Andros

The new German station **RADIO GALAXY 2000** has started SW error on First transmission from Radio Galaxy 2000 in Germany on July 11th at 16.00 UTC. Freq was 6925 kHz, which is a rather uncommon frequency to attract an audience. The test was not successful, not only of the frequency choice, but also because of a broken modulation transformer. The station uses a 40W Rohde & Schwarz tx. Email: <galaxy-radio@hotmail.com> or <Galaxy2000@free.radio.de>. Website can be found at <www.Free-Radio.de/Galaxy2000> was under construction last Summer but could be operational by now.

UK based **RADIO GERONIMO** was heard on 9350 kHz/13.1 mb Sun June 11th between 09.30-10.20 UTC. The test programme was hosted by Peter Verbeegen. Signal varied in strength due to the propagation that morning but was sometimes good. Some reports make mention of another broadcast that morning on 6330 kHz but we doubt whether this was Geronimo. Sun July 17th a test was done on 9350 (9330 was not clear). This test started at 18.30 UTC but conditions were not very favourable with the signal constantly fading in and out on the continent. Sun Sept. 3rd Geronimo was noted on 6282 early in the morning around 07.00 UTC. Apparently this was a relay via the DRS. That same morning Geronimo was putting out a test with its own 25W rig on 6295, very little response was received for this one. Sat Sept. 9th pps went out on 15070, also via the DRS. Some mail from the USA was received. Address: 461 Brighton Road, Leesville LA5 0HA, UK. All letters arriving at the FRSI Hickton maildrop will also be forwarded to the Ops address. Power remains 25W fed into a horizontal dipole or a mobile whip aerial. Email: <radiogeronimo@hotmail.com>. Last but not least: once a broadcast (and beautiful) QSL card is available.

UK based **GOOD MUSIC RADIO** conducted a low power test on Saturday 17th June starting at 08.00 UTC on 6300 kHz. A transistorised 10 watt rig as being used. Reception in the UK was good but we have no reports from the continent. The test was not 100% successful due to a poor SWR and a battery which could only power the tx for one hour. Sun July 2nd/16th GMR was on 6200. On the 2nd the Pandora Op was studio guest. August 6th GMR made another broadcast on 6200 with a fax signal on the continent. Address: GMR 85 Hillside Road West, Suffolk NR35 1RH England.

The following message was received from **JOLLY ROGER RADIO's** Op Jos Vincent: UK Radio have been broadcasting on 6280 last week and recently JRRR have been on 6239 for some time now and we will be staying there until 6235 is clear. Really coming on with a transmitter 1 kHz away is a bit painful. If they want a relay no problem from JRRR but do not block

us like that please, this will not gain them any listeners. Internet: <listen@jrrr.com> New Email: <p.jrrr@HotMail.com>. **RADIO KORAK INT.** continues with weekly International programmes on 3927/76 metre. Signal quality is excellent. Address is P.O.Box 134, 5780 BC Voorhuizen in the Netherlands. **RADIO LAGUNA** has a new Email address: <LagunaDR@rsm.net>

- 1 = P.O.Box 220342 / D-42373 WUPPERTAL / Germany
- 2 = 14 Stone Row/ COLERAINE/ Co. Londonderry/ BT52 1EP/ Northern Ireland.
- 3 = P.O.Box 663, 7900 AR Hoogeveen, the Netherlands.
- 4 = P.O.Box 130/ 92504 RUEIL Cedex/ France.
- 5 = 12 Dorman Rd/ PRESTON/ Lancs PR2 6AS/ England.
- 6 = P.O.Box 5, 8100 AA RAALTE, the Netherlands
- 7 = P.O.Box 388/ 5900 AJ VENLO/ th Netherlands.
- 8 = Box 293/ Merlin/ Ontario N0P 1W0/ Canada.
- 9 = FRI, Postfach 520112, 44070 DORTMUND/ Germany.
- 10 = SRS/ Osira Porten 23/ 442 84 YTTBY/ Sweden.

Latest news: taking effect right now, Laguna will suspend all 43 & 76 mb activities. The P.O.Box 5, 8100 AA) Raalte address will remain open till the end of 2000.

LASER HOT HITS (8) continues with 24 hour operations during the weekend on 6219 & 7455 kHz. It looks like that 7455 has replaced 7414 kHz. Sun Sept. 17th it was announced in one of the shows that LHH is now 24 hours a day 7 days a week on 7455. Signal quality on the continent was good. LHH puts out a wide variety of pop music, presentation is professional. **RADIO LIKEDEFFER** has a new address: Postbus 73, 7160 AL Nottelo, the Netherlands. Sun Sept. 17th the station made a low-power test with only 3.5W!

Saturday June 3rd **LIVE WIRE RADIO** was heard on 6287 kHz. During the nighttime the station was celebrating its 10th anniversary. Congrat! Nowadays the station is active on an irregular basis. Live Wire Radio is known for its very strong signals on 76 mb, mostly around 3910 kHz. Sat July 22nd LWR was monitored on 6307 kHz.

LOVE PARADE RADIO (9) was heard on Sat July 8th/ Sun July 9th using the following address: P.O.Box 520112, D-44207 Dortmund. Most likely an one-off station...

In edition 25/27 we reported about **RADIO MARABU** having ceased its 6210 UK relay in favour of local FM broadcasts in the Omsbruck area (Germany). In the mean time Marabu was cited a couple of times on 6210 giving the impression relays via RFL's 6210 outlet have resumed. Sat July 8th/ Sun July 9th Marabu was on 6210 continuing during nighttime. The same applies to Sat August 12th/ Sun August 13th. Homepage on: <www.radio-marabu.de>. Radio Marabu c/v. P.O.Box 1166 - D 49187 Bielefeld - Germany. Email: <marabu@radio-marabu.de>.

RADIO MARABUTA made its debut show for the European SW audience on 6295 SW August 13th. Marabuta is a South American station being aimed via the tx of Radio Blandine (in South America) and the Dutch Relay Service (in Europe). Reports should include 2 DRC's or 2 USS. Address: c/o Radio Marabuta, Casilla 159, Santiago 14, Chile. Email: <RMarabuta@yahoo.com>.

This year the famous **MERCHWEILER DX-CAMP** was once again held in August. The following stations participated: Star Club R, R. Kluessen, R. Little Star, R. Eoast Side, R. Bermuda Dreese, R. Perfort, R. Sommer 97, R. Likedeler, R. Bobby, R. De Tim, R. Lisa, Phantasia, R. Network, R. Metropolis, Loveparade R, Voice of Germany, R. Communication, R. Polkswelle, R. Wonderful, R. Royal, R. Millennium 2000, R. Nordsee Int., BMR, R. No Name, FRG, R. Galsbach, R. Breakdown, R. Mattheisen, Clinic R. R.510, Record R, R. Sparks, Digital FM 103.5.

The Bomberclub Op organized a DX Camp in Baarle-Nassau (Belgium, very close to Dutch border) Sat August 19th. Apart from a number of SW enthusiasts, the meeting was also attended by a number of station Ops: Radio Perfort, Radio Barcelona, Radio Bluestar, Radio Continental, Radio Titanic, Vrije Vogel (medium wave) and of course Radio Brugine. Italian station **RADIO MISTERO GHOSE PLANT** using the following new address: RMGP c/o Yves, P.O. Box 1951, D-79154 Weil am Rhein, Germany. To receive RMGP keep an eye on 7430-7450 kHz. Sun mornings between 07.30-09.30 UTC.

German **RADIO NORDSEE INT.** (not the one from Mike Anderson) tested on Thursday Sept. 14th on 6211 & 6274. The station Op Hamalund used the old and a new antenna which were alternately linked to the tx. The new antenna gave an improvement of signal strength. Address is P.O.Box



2209, D-77612 Offenburg in Germany. Thursday Sept. 22nd RNI returned on 6211.

German **RADIO NORTLIGHT** has been heard numerous times on various days within the 48 mb. For instance on Sun July 2nd the station was on 6284 & 6288. < goertli@freeradio.de > & < www.freeradio.de/northlight >

RADIO NOVA from the UK was heard at various occasions on 48 metres. For instance on Sun July 23rd on 6280. In the last August weekend (26th/27th) Nova hit the airwaves on 6280 with a surprisingly strong signal. Good old **RADIO PACMAN** is now using the new Radio Brigitte address which is P.O. Box 15, B-2320 Hoogstraten in Belgium. 6282,1 R Pacman was heard Fri Sept. 8th in the evening hours on 6284 kHz.

RADIO PAMELA was heard several times on 48 metres but also on 5773. Add to Box 35, Roserwell, Swerlenland.

RADIO PANDORA (110) celebrated its 5th birthday on 6285 Sunday August 20th. Former Swedish EMR jock John Sandy was hosting a show together with Steve St. John. Congratulations to the people behind this UK-based station. Several stations have been relayed by Pandora since the start in the mid 90s. Pandora started with a tx built by the Radio Apollo OP Dave Scott. Remotely. Sun Sept. 3rd saw a repeat of the birthday show on 6200 kHz. Email: < pandora@orange.se >. The German service of Pandora can be reached via < Pandora.Germany@orange.de >.

PLANET RADIO from the Netherlands was traced. The following info came from the station OP. 'Today Monday 28 August 2000 I have been raided by the Dutch PIT (RDJ) due to HF reflections on the telephone lines in de neighbourhood! The fine will be Hfl 2500,-...'

Planet radio was a very regular SW broadcaster being on air during weekend and weekdays. In August Planet was monitored many times on 6295 and even on 6716! As quite a number of broadcasts were done during evening time on weekdays, this may be the reason for the raid (regularly interfering with telephone traffic). Sat June 3rd Planet was heard on 6295 after midnight CEST. The signal suffered from LWR interference. At that moment LWR was celebrating its 10th birthday on the adjacent freq of 6287 kHz. The address is P.O. Box 1104, 8901 EC Zwolle in the Netherlands. The Email add < planet@planet.nl > is no longer valid.

RADIO POWERLINE INTERNATIONAL is a Dutch station being active on both medium wave (1646 AM) and SW. Sun August 13th a test was heard on 6275. Unfortunately the audio was bad. During several occasions the station was heard in August, most of the time with solid signals. Address: P.O. Box 128,9410 AC Buiten, The Netherlands. Email: < kobrin@radioholland.nl >. Website: < www.powerline.ch.net >

RADIO PIT is a collaboration of Radio Perfecto, Radio Dr. Tim and Radio Tornavik. The station was heard Sat August 12th on 6241, 6286 and 6301. As already mentioned in the previous edition (25/26, Scandinavia) **Q 103** was back on SW in June. Sat June 3rd/10th the station was heard on 10330US. Signal in Western Europe however was reasonably weak. The freq of 10330 is of course exceptional as no other Euro pirates use that part of the frequency spectrum. Sat Sept. 2nd in the evening hours saw Q 103 on 6282U. Q homepage is < members.aol.com/q103/index.htm >.

A new **RELAY SERVICE** could become operational this autumn. The service will operate with a powerful tx within the 76 mb. Address could become (10).

The first (licensed) private shortwave station from Finland, **SCANDINAVIAN WEEKEND RADIO**, officially commenced broadcasts Fri June 30th at 22.00 UTC (or for you like, Sat July 1st 00.00 CEST) on 11690 kHz. The idea is to do one 24-hour broadcast every first weekend of the month. A look at the programme list-up reveals that the station has some pirate roots, e.g. DJ Tex Willer used to be one of the guys behind the Finnish shortwave station Right-Wing Radio in the mid/late 1980s. He will be presenting a 'history of Finnish free radio'. For further info check out their website at < www.swradio.net > or contact them at < info@swradio.net >. The portal address is P.O. Box 35, 40321 Jyväskylä, Finland.

Dutch powerhouse **RADIO PACEMAN** can be reached via Email: < korned@radioholland.nl >.

The **RADIO SPARKS** which was heard on Fri July 14th on 6294 seems to be an UK-based station and not the original Radio Sparks of Swiss origin 6284. Sparks was noted in the evening hours putting out popmusic with a 50W tx. No address was mentioned but by now we know it's the same station as Radio Flashback earlier mentioned in this SW Report.

STARBUST RADIO uses the following Email add: < starburst@rms.de >.

June saw a continuation of **RADIO STELLA** tests on 7460 in parallel with 6400 kHz. For instance Sat afternoon June 17th signals were heard on both freqs. Also on the 18th, 24th, & 25th Stella was heard. From July onwards Stella's 41 mb offset changed from 7460 to 7483 kHz although on July 7th both 7460 and 7485 were used (not at same moment). Heard in July on various dates including weekends and weekdays. Fri June 30th RSI was presumably noted on 15848 kHz. Perhaps via the same tx used by WMR on 19 metres the previous weekend. Sat July 22nd RSI was noting on 15816 kHz. Some confusion arose about some broadcasts which gave the

impression they were coming from RSI. According to reliable sources, an unknown station is sometimes playing RSI recordings (W.M.R. as well) on SW. Stella can be reached via Email: < radiostell@usa.net > and also via 14 Stone Row, Londonderry BT32 1WP, Coleraine, Northern Ireland. Later news RSI is off air due to disagreements with 777.

Sun July 16th **RADIO SUNFLOWER** announced a test on 15810 KHz 01.00-02.00 UTC but as far as we know nothing was heard despite a clear and clean frequency.

TESTATION NO.1 which was heard on Sunday evening June 11th on 6282 kHz is just another name for Power 48! Some OPs just love the idea of using one-off names just for one weekend. Next time perhaps Test Station No. 2?? Address: < power48@hotmail.com >.

RADIO TONAIR returned on air after a longer absence on Sun July 30th. Freq was 6262 and a strong signal was provided by the powerful collector. Mod was a bit dull unfortunately. Add in P.O. Box 21 in 7010 AA Glandens. New Email add: < radio@tonair.nl >.

RADIO TORNVALK, who suspended broadcasts for the time being returned on air on 6294 and 6302 Sun August 20th. The station's OP Hans wanted to avoid possible effects of the new pirate laws which could affect many of the Dutch pirates on AM, FM & SW.

TRANSATLANTIC RADIO: < transatlantic@sonermail.nl > is the station's new Email address. Add is P.O. Box 4427, NL-3006 AK Rotterdam.

RADIO UNICUM is a new Dutch station from the Netherlands making its debut on Sat March 18th. Fri evening June 17th Unicum was heard on 6296. Address: P.O. Box 9, 8097ZG Oudekerk, Holland, Internet: < unicumradio@hotmail.com > and < www.unicumradio.ch.net >.

UNION RADIO (3) was heard on 76 and 48 metres during the Summer period. Sun July 30th Union put out a broadcast on 6210 with an excellent signal. Also modulation was of solid quality. A few times the station appeared on 76 metres. Sun Sept. 17th Union was heard with a strong signal on 6200.

VOICE OF THE NETHERLANDS (3) was heard on several Sundays in June, July and August. Mostly with a rock format, so now and then spring. The VNO controlled tx has an output of approx. 100W. Sunday September 10th the famous combination VOTNI RECH were on the air for several hours on 7490 kHz. This broadcast was carried out with 'the big one', their mutual home-built tx. Power was approx. 800W resulting in a more than excellent signal and superb modulation quality. That same tx was used New Year's Eve. A few minor modifications have been carried out ever since. Internet: < www.voiceofthenetherlands.nl > or < www.members.south.com/votnradio >.

Scotland's premier SW station **WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO** (2) was heard on 7466 announcing a test on 15795 KHz 19 mb in parallel on Sun June 25th. Sun July 2nd WMR was heard on the following freqs: 6400/15835 kHz, 6485 & 7485. Email: < wmr@usa.net >.

Heard via the Dutch Pirate Service August 5th: **WONDERFUL FREE COMMUNICATION COMPANY / ONE WORLD ONE LIGHT** (WFCOWOL). The show was aired between 23.00-00.00 UTC.

Address: WFCOWOL, P.O. Box 12082, D-41720 Viersen, Germany. Email: < ws6237@online-club.de >. Website: < www.fik.com > or < www.wcm.de >.

German **RADIO WONDERFUL** changed from (1) to (9). So Wuppertal = out, Dortmund = in.

SW Die Harde who already tuned their dial to the SW free radio stations in the 70s must remember the name **WORLD MUSIC RADIO**. This legendary station was heard via the tx of the IRRS from 08.30-09.30 on Sat August 12th. It was an old show... Remember the heydays of SW free radio! That same morning listeners could also hear a very old show of Radio Earth. Nostalgia.

If you are interested in medium wave news Patrick Willfor from Finland doesn't publish MW Bandscans anymore. However, the publication will continue as H.J. Kees takes over. Future editions are to be read via his homepage: < metropolis.de/freeradio.html >. Email: < Hansjoeschim.koch@planet-internet.com >.

OFFSHORE NEWS

Radio Caroline

August 19th

August 12th a Caroline supporters day was organised in Gillingham. It was the first time since years that such an event took place for Caroline. Peter Moore, Peter Chicago and Ronan O'Rahilly attended the meeting.

August 19th is a remarkable day in Caroline's history. That day, 11 years ago, the Ross Revenge was visited by Dutch and English authorities. Vital parts were confiscated by the Dutch and Caroline 558 together with their Dutch Radio 819 colleagues had to leave the airwaves in the afternoon. That same day, 17 years ago, Caroline officially returned to the airwaves from the



MV Ross Revenge on 963 kHz. August 19th 2000 marked the start of official Internet transmissions via <www.radio-caroline.nl>. The start of these Internet transmissions came from Dutch soil: Leeuwarden. Former Veronica ship Nordynea was the place to be that day. Reverse roles, at least in certain ways: in 1973 it was Caroline offering airtime to the Veronica organisation. Now it was the Caroline organisation making use of the Nordynea. Following a closed meeting for press and invited guests, the ship was open for Caroline supporters between 12 and 17.00 hours. A new video was presented, there were several stands and the Internet time was started. The meeting was attended by Caroline manager Peter Moore and a few other English Caroline people. The web broadcasts will be mainly non-stop, at least for the time being. Nine hours of presented shows are to be heard presented by Johnny Renee and Gil Legue, both former Caroline DJs. In addition the satellite output from the previous weekend will be repeated on weekdays via the Internet. The organisation hopes a number of former presenters will be prepared to present webradio shows in future.

Caroline via 1296 AM

That same day Caroline was not only via satellite but also via the powerful 1296 AM BBC outlet. The tx was centred that day and Caroline was, at least for one day, back on medium wave. The 1296 kHz broadcast lasted from 05.00-19.00 hours, a period of 14 hours. The 600 kW tx-ran by Merita Communications- is located in Orfordes, East Angles, antenna were directed at the European mainland. In England a lot of Caroline supporters were disappointed knowing that the AM tx was beaming its signals entirely to the continent of Europe. As a result the signal was not audible in the whole of the UK. Apart from the coastal area, reception was disappointing in the UK. In wide areas of Europe, reception was excellent. At some time the AM tx amounted to 5000 guilders which is just over £ 1400. Based on 14 hours per day, Caroline would have to pay usually 700,000 guilders/£ 200,000 which is not feasible. Although it must be clear the Caroline organisation would love to use 1296 kHz on a permanent basis. That day Caroline also covered the whole of Europe via SW 5933 kHz. A tx was noted (by a number of enthusiastic French supporters) on Riga (Latvia).

Ross Revenge Satellite

According to Peter Moore, Caroline strives to broadcast more and more of its future satellite output from the Ross. Disadvantage of the present shows is that these are coming from the Fletcher studios in Maastricht. Moore thinks that when the time comes from the ship, presenters won't leave the studio after finishing their show. In other words: a better atmosphere. Besides they won't have to pay the rest of the studio. At least till July 2001 the analogue satellite time will be carried on. But there will be a moment that the analogue transmitter will be available anywhere for Radio Caroline. That's one of the very important future issues! New is that since Nov August 21st, every Mon between 19.00-22.00 hours Dutch language ps are to be heard. With an extension of hours on Fridays on Sunday evenings, Caroline is now 4 evenings per week 'on air'.

Very soon the complete Sea schedule will be altered. One of the 'victims' is Mark Stafford who is doing a great show between 18.00-22.00 CEST each SW evening. It includes the Vinyl Vault, a programme item in which great, forgotten (sometimes obscure) titles are being played. Also the Rock Flashback is a great item in Mark's show. As far as we understand his show will move to the Sunday afternoon sometime early October. One of the reasons for the new schedule is that the Caroline output will be interrupted by an organisation leaving airtime from Caroline. In other words: the regular Caroline rock format will disappear for a few hours replaced by something totally different. It could mean many listeners will switch off their satellite receiver during the new format. And the question is whether they will tune in again a few hours later. Air time will be leased for two hours between 18.00-20.00 CEST on Sundays.

Caroline Newbeat

Caroline Newbeat is the official organ of the Dutch branch of the Caroline organisation. One of the people behind this good-looking and informative bulletin is Sietse Brouwer, the Dutch Caroline jock to be heard every Sat morning. For more info visit the Dutch website: <www.dutchcaroline.nl>. Martin vd Vliet controls the German Caroline website which is:

<www.offshore-radio.de/caroline>. UK: <www.radio-caroline.co.uk>. Miscellaneous info: Radio Caroline studio: 0644-162264400. The new Faxnumber: 0644-1622644485. And the address: Radio Caroline, 426 Airway Road, Highgate, London N6 4H, UK.

Broadcasts from the high seas

Wednesday August 30th/Thursday August 31st former Veronica studio engineer Ad Bouman and his business associate Michael Bakker organised a two day broadcasting event from the North Sea. One year ago the same two people organised a fantastic and highly successful Veronica revival from Hotel Laperouse in Hilversum (see FRS Newsletter #23). Nowadays Bouman & Bakker are involved with Okay FM, a station which is active for

Goodland. A number of FM stations based in Urnuiden, Breda en Den Bosch relay part of Okay FM's programme output (with a number of former Veronica offshore presenters).

Radio London RSL

This Summer yet another Radio London RSL was organised. Three years ago the Summer of 1997- a very successful RSL took place off Clacton-on-Sea. This time no use of the former light vessel #18 which served as broadcasting vessel for the Radio Northsea RSL earlier this year (March/April) see #25/26, the ship is in poor condition. In the press release organiser Paul Graham (yes, him again!) announced the following names: Keith Slater, Dave Cash, Ian Darnon, John Peel, Tommy Vance, Pete Brady and Ed Stewart. The format would be similar to that of Wonderful Radio London in the 60s. Music from the Big L 1965-1967 period plus in addition 1968 & 1969 was to be played. The idea was to broadcast from a studio housed at the Harwich pier. This would be aimed on 1143 kHz/262 metres, almost the same wavelength as being used by the original Radio London at the 60s and via the Internet. On Monday August 14th- exactly 35 years later- Dutch 1584AM The Beils on 1584 kHz relayed the Big L signal coming from Harwich. Via de Beils the signal was put on the Internet (ISDN) and so the Dutch station was able to relay Big L in certain parts of the Netherlands. Quality was fair. Part of that day's broadcast was the final hour of Big L in August 1967 and an American Hot 100 presented by Bud Sullivan. He came from the US all the way to present this show!

The Radio London organisation have signed a contract with Merita Communications. The latter will offer facilities to the Radio London organisation enabling them to broadcast world wide via a number of SW frequencies in October. In a press bulletin the organisation announces they try to collect money via hackers among at a nation-wide Oldies station for Great Britain. They need at least 3 million pounds to make such a service viable.

Hi Amigo Revival

Back to the 70s... Sept. 30th/Oct. 1st will see a revival of Radio Hi Amigo organised by Belg. Radio Magazines & RadioVier. Several former Hi Amigo employees (Marc Jacobs, Stan Haag among others) have made promises to attend the meeting. All will take place in the Radio Magazines studio building. For two days Magazines will be renamed into Radio Hi Amigo. All DJs who will attend, will present their programme at the original time their show went out in the past on medium waves.

RNI Documentary

XCEL-FM in Cambridge will be (or already has been) broadcasting a four part history of Radio North Sea. Dave Rodgers is the responsible producer, he used to work on the Mebo II in the early 70s. Many studio extracts are being played which haven't used before in other documentaries. Besides: a number of former DJs will be interviewed, among them Christian St. John and Arnold Layne (©Greg Bance).

Sealand

In the past Roy Bates came up with several ideas regarding the exploitation of his former Marne Fort in the Thames estuary off Harwich. All of them had to be taken with a pinch of salt. Bates who used to run Essex Radio and DBMS in the 60s, has rented his miniature to an American who wants to start an independent Internet company. Perhaps another 'ghost story'!! If we may believe the stories, the American has delivered a lot of new equipment on the artificial site.

Former Offshore Jocks

Some of you may remember the name **Edis Koning**. He used to work on the Ross presenting gas for a Dutch audience. That was in the heydays of Radio Montagu. He started to work for Radio Netherlands World Service doing a youth programme about DJing. In 1988 he started working for Holland's first commercial cable station Cable One owned by Joost den Draever. He also worked for Holland's most popular commercial radio station Sky Radio and presented the morning show on Radio M, the regional radio station for the province of Utrecht. Now he's appointed chief editor of Business News Radio, the station which broadcasts on 1395 kHz.

What a voice! **David Gilber** started his career on Radio 190. He was also presenting a number of BBC shows. Ten years ago he started working for Radio Melody in London, he stayed on that station for 7 years. Now David's back on Prime Time Radio, a digital radio station belonging to the Digital One group which can be heard nation wide in the UK via the Multiplex.

There's a big chance that Dave Cash will start making gas for the Bees. In 1967, after Big L's closure, he joined the BBC together with a few other offshore DJs (for instance Tony Blackburn). In 1973 he moved to the ILR-station Capital Radio in London. At present time he's working for Liberty Radio.

July 16th Stan Haag celebrated his 80th birthday. He was involved in Radio Londenburg, Veronica and Hi Amigo. Congrats!



NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

International News in Brief

New French language station on 1125 (20 kW) & 1233 kHz (2.5 kW) AM-Radio Traffic is on air since May. The station belongs to the RTBF, the public station for French speaking Belgium. Format (for the time being, one-stop music interspersed with traffic news) *** British authorities still strongly opposing against piracy. In London no less than 57 radio stations were raided by the Radio Communications Agency in May. Station FM was raised 7 times *** Midway FM in Rochester was recently taken over by DMG Radio Bob LeRoy in programme-controller. Rumour has it that the management will decide to change the station's name into Mercury FM *** For the second successive year, the US Radio and Records Industry Award for the best Oldies station in the US, was awarded to WCBS FM in New York. McCoy, de programme-controller was awarded programme-controller of the year *** San July 4th low-powered tones on 1575 kHz are carried out from a small vessel in Kamogee harbour. Involved are Bert Bridges & Dave the Fish. Bridges used to be on London based AM pirate Argus Radio. Dave the Fish supplied the Rosemary tunes in the 80s. Another test was announced for July 9th but that day nothing was heard *** The Norwegian government has announced that its 216 kHz long wave frequency will become available for commercial use. Till 1995 this frequency was used by the state-owned NHK. A 1.2 MegaWatt tx is available for use on 216 kHz *** A one-off test on 1386 AM was recently to be heard in the UK and other parts of Europe. This 4 hour broadcast, aired in the evening hours, was coming from LHM Radio. Toots are part of a bigger project totally aimed at a home sexual listening audience. Plan is to start transmission via the Astra satellite at 28.2 oct later this year. In addition 1386 AM should be activated in the evening hours. The tx is located in Ruana and was previously used by United Christian Broadcasters. Names behind this project are Ray Anderson (EAP, Atlantic, Laser Hot Line s.d.) & Christopher Engle (Eurozet).

Improvements on Cyprus

Medin Communications has made a 600 million pound deal with the BBC World Service. This amount of money is needed to renovate the transmitting site (Ladies Mile in Limassol, Cyprus). The two existing 500 kW tx will be replaced and the energy control will be improved. The old tx will leave the airwaves as soon as the new ones are installed. The work will cover a period of two years.

Mistake

In edition 25/26 we carried a Glenn Hauser mail feature giving his Email address and Internet site. Here are the correct addresses:
 <glhauser@tdmail.com> & <mailto:glennhauser@hotmail.com> . Site: <www.angelika.com/bok/bokofradio.htm>.

Rock 21

Since May 31st the new Hannover based regional radio station, Rock 21 is on the air. At noon the station commenced broadcasts serving its audience with classic rock from the 60's, 70's & 80s. Following FFN on Hit Radio Antenna, Rock 21 is the 3rd privately owned radio station in Niedersachsen, Germany. The station is not covering the whole of Niedersachsen but hopes to achieve a 100% coverage within two years.

KISS FM

KISS FM Los Angeles, the famous station where Rock Drees is working for, has gained the #2 position in the LA market. Rock Drees is the best listened to morning jock and has beaten Howard Stern. In the morning as well as in the afternoon more than a million listeners tune in to the legendary station. That's a 12.5% share of the greater LA area. A gun of 1,550 in the late 70s Rock Drees had a great European hit with "Ducko Duck" (what an awful record-PV). Since a month or so his morning show is also heard over other radio stations belonging to The Clear Channel Network. This company owns stations at the US east coast and mid-west. Since 1981 Drees has a morning show on KISS FM. His Weekly Top 40 is a syndicate show since 1983 to be heard on numerous stations in the US.

Advertising Campaign Atlantic 252

The Atlantic 252 management has allocated no less than one million pound for attracting more listeners in the age between 15 and 24. Since the new managing director John Offens started working for Atlantic earlier this year, 170,000 new listeners were attracted making a total of 1.7 million. It was the first time since 5 years that the number of listeners was growing. Promotion is made via Channel 5 TV and via digital radio stations in London. In the mean time Atlantic 252 can be heard via the Internet 24 hours a day. A lot of money has been invested to create a professional website.

Satellite reception in cars

Sinus Satellite Radio, the organisation delivering radio signals which are to be received in car radios without dish, has announced to start in December with its service. No less than 100 channels will be receivable for a monthly

fee of US\$ 10. Ford cars will be equipped with a digital receiver. Also BMW and Chrysler have announced their cars will be boxed with digital receivers. At the end of 2000, Sinus Satellite Radio will have invested 600 million dollars.

Applications

By the end of June the FCC had received no less than 750 applications for running so-called low powered stations. These community stations will become operational state by state. The 750 applications apply to 10 states. Maximum output for the tx is varying between 10 and 100W. In the mean time more organisations can bid for a license in another 11 states.

Sunday October 29th will be a very special in the life of FRS-Holland. That day we will take to the air with a Joop ter Zee Memorial Broadcast. At the same time we celebrate two decades of SW broadcasts. We invite you to participate. Record a message on cassette (1-2 minutes) or alternatively put some words on a paper expressing your personal views about 20 years FRS-Holland and 20 years Joop ter Zee on FRSH (for instance: what brought Joop to FRS in your opinion, what did FRSH mean to you, or any special memories to Joop and/or FRSH). Be sure we will play your cassette or read out your message. We count on you! October 29th 2000: the Joop ter Zee Memorial Broadcast & FRS-Holland's 20th birthday. Don't miss it for the world....

Pxs will commence at 07.70 or 08.50 UTC (=+1 hour CET) and will last 4 or 5 hours. FRSH will be in the 48 mb. We will spread the word via our website (new address soon!) and via Email to all people within our address book. Your Email address can be easily added in our address book. Just let us now: send a message telling us to subscribe to <peter.verbruggen@ttn.nl>. Soon a new FRSH Email address will be announced.

INTERNET RADIO

In this column we feature a great variety of Internet websites related to really interesting Internet radio news. Contributions are more than welcome....

- The Swedish Report Service is a well-known name for most SW enthusiasts: <www.lts.se/~pl/revs.html>.
- Interested in a wide variety of QSLs from illegal stations? <www.rvl.net/~ml-de/btd-cla.html>. If you want to contribute with your very own QSL, then send it to <qsl@rml.de>.
- Muf Media is an organisation specifically aimed at the professional radio world. Also for radio enthusiasts there's enough interesting to read on their site: <www.mufmedia.com>.
- Jingles... loved by so many radio listeners. Here's the site of one of England's smallest jingle companies: The Bespoke Music Company. Their site is <www.bespokemusic.co.uk>.
- Voices for commercials and jingles. They are part of the radio industry since the mid 70s. One of Holland's companies being active within this "world of voices" is Voice Interactive Media: <www.voiceinteractive.nl>.
- An interesting site with vintage radios is <www.torbert.org>.
- An Volvo's hobby is collecting videos from deejays in action: <www.madradio.com>.
- One of Europe's first commercial radio stations was Radio Normany. If you would like to know more about this station's history, then go to <www.radio-normandie.com/uk/index.html>.
- A site with historical stories about radio: <www.rtl-arni.mall.yahoo.com/arni.html>.
- A list with frequencies from all stations active in Great Britain: <rockbase.co.uk/index.html>.

The final edition of the legendary German Radio News - after 29 years! - was published in September. This final millennium edition one contains excellent pinpoint sharp photos. The magazine contains 64 pages and it is most for any (free) radio enthusiast. Send DM 10 to: FRGC, P.O.Box 1947, D-77669 Offenburg in Germany. Email: <ten@medien@adn.com>.